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1. ROLE OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST CONSIDERED MOST IMPORTANT IN CONCEPT OF TEAM APPROACH IN EVALUATION CLIENTS. DR. FRANK JOHNSON ABLE TO PROVIDE JUSTIFICATION AND EXPLANATION CONCEPT. FOR CURRENT FISCAL YEAR THE INCREASED COST OF YTC DUE TO REVALUATION OF THE BAHT AND INCREASED COST OF LIVING WERE NOT FUNDED BY SAODAP. CONSEQUENTLY YTC OPERATING ON EXTREMELY AUSTERE BUDGET WHICH OFFERS NO RPT NO OPPORTUNITY TO FUND CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST BETWEEN NOW AND FEB 1. 1974. BUDGET SUBMISSIONS FOR PERIOD BEYOND FEB 1, 1974. WERE PREPARED ON THE CLEARLY STATED ASSUMPTION THAT SAODAP WOULD FUND CLINICAL PXWPHOLOGIST AND PSYCHIATRIST OUTSIDE THE REGULAR BUDGET.

2. CONFUSED BY REQUEST THAT PSYCHIATRIST BE MADE MEMBER OF MEDICAL COMMITTEE. THIS COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED UNDER ARTICLE XI OF AEHA CHARTER AS A MANAGMENT COMMITTIZM LIAISONING WITH THE AEHA BOARD AND THE YTC. IT CONSIDERS ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS OF TREATMENT AND PROVIDES GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR BALANCE OF INTERESTS BETWEEN MANAGEMENT

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AND OPERATIONAL COMPONENTS OF THE YTC. IT IS

ENVISIONED THAT THE PSYCHIATRIST WILL BE MEMBER OF FUNCTIONAL OPERATIONAL COMPONENT AND WILL WORK IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE MEDICAL COMMITTEES. THEREFORE, FEEL IT INAPPROPRIATE THAT PSYCHIATRIST SHOULD BE A MEMBER OF MEDICAL COMMITTEE. THIS ARRANGMENT PRODUCED NO CONFLICT WHEN DR. KOJAK WAS PSYCHIATRIST.

3. SEE NO CONFLICT WITH SAODAP PROPOSAL THAT PSYCHIATRIST ACT AS "UNPAID CONSULTANT" FOR REGIONAL DUTIES WITH SAODAP DIRECTLY FUNDING TRAVEL AND PER DIEM. IMPORTANT TO UNDERLINE THIS WILL BE AN OCCASIONAL DUTY AND THAT PSYCHIATRIST, WHEN IN BANGKOK, WILL WORK UNDER ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTION YTC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND IN PROFESSIONAL MATTERS, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF MEDICAL COMMITTEE AS STATED IN REF (B)

4. WE ALSO FEEL YTC FACILITIES BANGKOK SHOULD BE USED AS REGIONAL RESOURCE FOR EVALUATION RPT EVALUATION AND ONLY RARELY FOR TREATMENT. ANOTHER ASPECT OF REGIONAL PARTICIPATION WOULD BE TRAINING OF PARA-PROFESSIONALS FROM OTHER POSTS. THE REGIONAL RESOURCE CONCEPT IS DEPENDENT UPON BANGKOK HAVING FULL PROFESSIONAL STAFF OF PSYCHIATRIST, CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST AND MEDICAL SOCIAL WORKER AT PRESENT TIME WE HAVE NO ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRIST, NO CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST. THE MEDICAL SOCIAL WORKER HAS RESIGNED EFFECTIVE END OF DECEMBER. IT SHOULD BE CLEARLY RECOGNIZED THE OPERATIONAL BUDGET UNDER WHICH WE NOW WORK CONTAINS NO FUNDING FOR REGIONAL ACTIVITIES. THE BUDGET SUBMISSION FOR THE NEXT 17 MONTHS WAS NOT BASED UPON YTC FACILITIES BEING OPENED TO THOSE OUTSIDE THAILAND. THUS IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ANY REGIONAL ACTIVITIES, EVALUATION AND/OR TREATMENT BE PAID FOR BY USERS.

5. ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION IN HANDLING CLIENTS OUTSIDE BANGKOK IS THE ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENT THAT BOTH PARENTS AS WELL AS CLIENT PARTICIPATE IN EVALUATION PROCESS. ALSO DESIRABLE FOR BOTH PARENTS PARTICIPATE IN TREATMENT PROGRAM DURING ITS ENTIRE COURSE, BUT IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT AT LEAST ONE PARENT RESIDE IN BANGKOK DURING ENTIRE PERIOD OF TREATMENT. THIS COULD OF COURSE EXTEND CONSIDERABLY BEYOND THE 30 DAY IN-CLIENT PERIOD. THOSE WHO COME TO BANGKOK (EITHER OFFICIAL OR NON-OFFICIAL) FOR EITHER EVALUATION OR UNCLASSIFIED

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TREATMENT MUST REALIZE THEY WILL ENJOY NO IMMUNITIES IN THAILAND (I.E. THEY WILL BE IN A TOURIST STATUS) AND IF CLIENT WERE ARRESTED THE EMBASSY WOULD PROBABLY BE UNABLE TO SECURE THE RELEASE OF THE INDIVIDUAL WITHOUT TRIAL.  
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